

In the Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** A composition for organ preservation, comprising an inulin type fructan as an active ingredient in an amount effective for preservation of the organ, wherein the composition comprises:

<u>(a) inulin type fructan</u>	<u>3.5 - 300 g/L;</u>
<u>(b) Na⁺</u>	<u>5 - 150 mM;</u>
<u>(c) K⁺</u>	<u>5 - 150 mM;</u>
<u>and</u>	
<u>(d) at least one component selected from the group consisting of Cl⁻, HCO₃⁻, CO₃²⁻, organic acids, and organic acid anions</u>	<u>10 - 150 mM.</u>

2. **(Original)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, wherein the inulin type fructan is a mixture of two or more inulin type fructans selected from inulin type fructans having a degree of polymerization of 3 to 6.

3. **(Original)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, wherein the inulin type fructan is 1-kestose.

4. **(Original)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, wherein the inulin type fructan is nystose.

5. **(Cancelled)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, which comprises:

<u>(a) inulin type fructan</u>	<u>3.5 - 300 g/L;</u>
<u>(b) Na⁺</u>	<u>5 - 150 mM;</u>

(c) K^+ _____ 5 - 150 mM;
and
(d) at least one component selected
from the group consisting of Cl^- , HCO_3^- ,
 CO_3^{2-} , organic acids, and organic
acid anions _____ 10 - 150 mM.

6. **(Currently amended)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim [[5]] 1, which further comprises at least one of:

(e) Mg^{2+} 0 - 20 mM;
(f) Ca^{2+} 0 - 5 mM;
(g) $H_2PO_4^-$ and/or HPO_4^{2-} 0 - 150 mM;
and
(h) hydroxyethyl starch 0 - 100 g/L.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The composition for organ preservation according to claim 1, for suppressing or improving hypofunction of and damage to an organ ~~which possibly occur~~ during an organ transplantation process.

8. **(Previously presented)** A method for preserving an organ, comprising the step of bringing an effective amount for organ preservation of the composition for organ preservation according to claim 1 into contact with an organ.

9. **(Original)** The method according to claim 8, wherein said contact is carried out by perfusing the organ with the composition for organ preservation.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A method for suppressing or improving hypofunction of and damage to an organ ~~which possibly occur~~ during an organ transplantation process,
said method comprising the step of bringing an effective amount for suppression or improvement of the composition for organ preservation according to claim 1 into contact with an organ.

11. **(Previously presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein said organ is selected from the group consisting of kidney, liver, heart, lung, and pancreas.

12. **(Currently amended)** Use of an inulin type fructan for the manufacture of A method comprising making a composition for organ preservation comprising an inulin type fructan as an active ingredient in an amount effective for preservation of the organ, wherein the composition comprises:

<u>(a) inulin type fructan</u>	<u>3.5 - 300 g/L;</u>
<u>(b) Na⁺</u>	<u>5 - 150 mM;</u>
<u>(c) K⁺</u>	<u>5 - 150 mM;</u>
<u>and</u>	
<u>(d) at least one component selected</u>	
<u>from the group consisting of Cl⁻, HCO₃⁻,</u>	
<u>CO₃²⁻, organic acids, and organic</u>	
<u>acid anions</u>	<u>10 - 150 mM.</u>

13. **(Currently Amended)** [[Use]] The method according to claim 12, wherein the inulin type fructan is a mixture of two or more inulin type fructans selected from inulin type fructans having a degree of polymerization of 3 to 6.

14. **(Currently Amended)** [[Use]] The method according to claim 12, wherein the inulin type fructan is 1-kestose.

15. **(Currently Amended)** [[Use]] The method according to claim 12, wherein the inulin type fructan is nystose.

16. **(Currently Amended)** [[Use]] The method according to claim 12, wherein said composition for organ preservation is a perfusate for the organ.

17. **(Currently Amended)** [[Use]] The method according to claim 12, wherein said organ is selected from the group consisting of kidney, liver, heart, lung, and pancreas.